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310 LANSDOWNE AVENUE,
WESTMOUNT

MONTREAL

6th July 1914

Dear Howland Wood.

I hardly know how to answer your last letter asking for a contribution to the Journal. My time is rather fully occupied having demands from the home publication and the Numismatist. Then there is the difficulty to find new matter in my special line as for the Canadian series have been fairly well exploited. except with respect to Medals

Only the other day I came across a most interesting trial of three men two of them Germans for having counterfeited Bigots Canadian Ordonnances. These ordonnances were Printed forms with the value and date filled in with the signature in ink. The forger had copied the whole in ink imitating the printing fairly well. Here were pairs of these produced ~~in the case~~ with the record. Now if I have not to forward an article on the subject to the Canadian antiquarian

~~on the subject~~ I will give you a translation of the proceedings with a photograph of the Cumberland as well as of the genuine ones. Perhaps you may publish the translations with my comments thereon. as the originals in French will only appear with my notes only in English. These counterfeits date away back to 1757 three year before the Conquest.

In any case I will not be able to touch any work until after the Springfield Convention

By the way I am depending on you for that 10 minute paper on the Courage of the West-Indians

Yours truly

Ruth Hachlan

Westmount 13th Dec 1918

Dear Howland Wood.

I have just finished my article on "The Copper Tokens of ~~the Province of~~ Upper Canada" for the Journal I trust it will not be too late. If you think well I can have it type written at a cost of two or three dollars. and the photographs will cost five dollars. At the present time I am unduly short of cash the war having made a big hole in my income making it necessary for me to retrench on all points. will the society pay these expenses? There are forty two coins described in the article and with historical notes it will run upto about 4000 words.

The only coin missing in my collection is the Kentucky settlement-token. I suppose you will be able to supply one out of this

What is your opinion of my review of Dr Courtenay Wellington's?

I have put in six medals so far for what may be considered worthy a place among

~~Upholstering~~ my Canadian Historical Medals issued in 1915. and am expecting one a two others especially that of Lieutenant Governor Colebrook down in the latest date that this paper should be issued.

Yours truly
Russ Hoechlin

December 16, 1915.

Mr. P. W. Mc Lachlan
310 Lansdowne Avenue,
Montreal, Can.

Dear Mr. Mc Lachlan:-

Your latter at hand and I am glad to know that you have finsihed your article on the Copper Tokens of Upper Canada. We have only just started the Journal and have got probably the first sixty pages done. I

I don't think it is necessary to have your article typewritten and I would say send the manuscript down in longhand when you have got it as you want it. You will have a chance to correct. Go ahead and have the photographing done in Montreal and send us the bill, as I take it that you would prefer to have the work done there rather than to send the Coins here. We will reimburse you for any money you expend on the article.

Probably I can secure a specimen of the Kentucky Settlement reverse and you might mark this on the manuscript so that I will make no mistake.

I thought your opinion of Dr. Courteau's article was good and to the point. At the time I thought that he included a little too much but I did not feel like offering any suggestions as I made enough changes in his English and cut out a number of pharagraphs I thought were just as well to leave.out.

Your article on the Historical Medals can come along later as this will go in towards the end of the volume. I would not want it much before April though I would like to have some idea before then anout how many pages and the number of plates of cuts it will take so I can know a little about the final lay out of the book.

I want to thank you very much for the interest you have shown, and believe me,

Very truly yours,

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE PROVINCE OF QUEBEC MONTREAL

Archives Department
PROTHONOTARY'S OFFICE

21st Dec 1915.

Dear Mr Howland Wood

This afternoon I got my paper off. I have it type written at a cost of $2.00 which while pretty dear enabled me to make a number of improvements that I cannot well note in my manuscript. This will save changes in the proof reading. I had two copies made and had the corrections and changes made in both so that it will not be necessary for you to return me the manuscripts. When sending me the proof for revision

I will try and get the Photos sent in the course of the next ten days as I will have to make an appointment for a clear day which does not come very often this time of the year.

Should you see any mis statements or be able to suggest any improvement do not fail to let me know.

As this paper is not simply a catalogue of the

Como but contains a number of historical notes and comments. You may consider it worth while to be read at a meeting of the Society.

I note what you say regarding having to do Dr. Courteau's paper into English and to Cut out some of his excellent paragraphs. I have the same thing to do for him in his Bonaparte-Iroquois and in two other articles he published in the Minnesota But he is so smitten on these points that he wants the cutting process even though it is necessary to make his paper at all fragmentary

Yours truly

Reuben Thwaites

Archives Department
PROTHONOTARY'S
OFFICE

Court House
MONTREAL, 22nd January 1916

Dear Howland Wood.

Your letter came to hand a few days ago but I was somewhat out of sorts & I should have answered sooner.

Go right ahead with the setting ups of the Upper Canada Article My numbers will correspond with the cuts & think they had be better mounted on plates how do you but I do not care to have all the above on one plate and the reverse on another like De Courtenay's but each obverse and reverse side by side.

I do not just Know what you mean by the extent of country in which the tokens of Upper Canada Circulated. All I Know that they circulated freely in Ontario & Quebec & either in Upper and Lower Canada until 1871. Very few extended as far east as New Brunswick while none were permitted in Nova Scotia.

I am enclosing two Canadian medals one for the A.N.S. which you will no doubt find welcome as an addition to your Jeanne d'Arc Collection Kindly send a letter of thanks direct and one for your Finest Collector of Medals in France des Fraya Chanqu. Let him also send a letter of thanks direct. as the manager took down the instructions for which I begged the medal

This will be one of the 1915 Canadian Medals

Yours truly
Russ Lachance

January 25, 1916.

Mr. R. W. McLachlan
310 Lansdowne Ave.,
Westmount,
Montreal, Can.

Dear Mr. McLachlan:-

I will send the printer your manuscript without waiting for the photographs to come. I suppose you want reprints of this. We furnish fifty with new paging and special title page and cover.

I certainly agree with you that the obverse and reverse of the same coin should be side by side on the same page, not the way Mr. Corteau has a fondness.

You have understood my question all right as to the extent in Canada that the Upper Canada coins circulated. I have often wondered whether they circulated any in the United States. By that I mean Upper New York, Vermont. I suppose they did on the borders. I have often wondered if fifty and seventy-five years ago, all Canada coins had any circulation in Boston because they used to be very common there in the dealer's shops, pawn shops etc. They were brought in a few at a time with other coins from peoples hoardings etc.

I beg to thank you for the trouble you have been to in getting these two Canada medals. I am very glad to have one of these for the cabinet and in the course of a few days I will forward the other to Mr. Sulley in Paris As you requested I will have the acknowledgement sent to La Patrie direct.

Very truly yours,

Archives Department
PROTHONOTARY'S
OFFICE

Court-House
MONTREAL, 25th March 1916

Dear Rowland Wood.

Enclosed I am returning the cuts as arranged by you which are neatly mounted and arranged. The only change I have made is in the border the first three belong to one group and the other two to another. I don't think it will make any difference in the appearance of the plate. I do not think it necessary to have any other inscription than the numbers as they refer to the numbers under which they are described.

I expect to get the Lord medal I wish to describe in the course of the next week when I will have the photographs and send on to you. I have just received Lieutenant Gunn's Jubilee medal which to my mind is extra fine as a pendant medal.

What do you think of Heath's article in the March number of Heath's monthly I am sure that you are not. Norton of Wellington and am preparing one article for the numismatist on the subject.

Yours truly
Rowland Wood

310 Landsdowne Avenue

Westmount 16th June 1916

Dear Howland Wood.

The bill for the expenses of my Canadian lectures came to hand two days ago but the cheques have not yet turned up. Have they been sent yet?.

What about the proof of the article with Medals? I have been expecting it for some so long.

I came across an 1825 in very good Condition with a hole drilled through the Centre. It had belonged to a Vandal Collector who had drilled holes in every coin in his collection so that they might be attached or tacked on to a board. This was the only thing worth while in the Collection.

Do you know any one who can plug it so that it will not be very apparent? I have taken this one for my collection, which has a hole punched by a nail right under the [illegible],

somewhat
to a smaller limit to see what he can do with it.
It is not by any means as good as the drilled one.

You was a regular Connecticut Yankee
smuggled in Mexico last week with nothing
more coining press and regular dies. They made
the counterfeits of almost as good silver
as the regular ones from dies almost as good. but
they the counterfeits were not as light either and
not as smoothly finished. It would appear
that the dies should have been made for both
Dollar pieces on the reducing process.

Yours truly
Chas Schaeffer

310 Lansdowne Ave
Westmount 5th Jan 1917

Howland Wood Esq
New York.

Dear Sir.

Do you want a short paper on the Canadian Medal chick in 1916? I have three or four and am promised another in May and may get one or two more later on. If so, let me know when the article will be required.

I have written a note to Miss Nichols Monthly Expanding the Rising Sun, Toronto Press, which an anonymous writer claims to have been issued in Toronto, on the grounds that there was a Lawsuit that Journal in Toronto. My contention is, that there were struck in

Bonhead, as I say, where
the Patrick Token was
made and which is
related by making the
the Rising Sun near,
is on the high road
between Ben Jack and
Bonhead, which was
a half way stopping
place and that the
blacksmiths piece of
which this forms a

a part were so poorly struck to be made in the same workshop as the Sartorek and Peak pieces were produced. Further that the old Peak Sartorek dies were brought to Rockwell and there used in pairing with the Blacksmith and Eagle pieces.

Yours truly

Rumrockwell

April 23, 1917.

Mr. R. W. McLachlan

310 Lansdowne Avenue,

Westmount, Montreal,

Canada.

Dear Mr. McLachlan:-

Your favor of March 5th at hand. I have delayed answering it until I could state definitely about the Journal. The next number, which will appear in 1917, will have a single article by Frey on Numismatic coin names. The next volume, which will appear in 1918, will be begun almost immediately so as to get it out as early as possible in 1918. This number will be similar to previous numbers and we will be glad to have you prepare your list of Canadian Medals in which, if you want, you can include as many of the 1917 medals you know about. We probably will want the copy for this in the Fall and I will let you know later the last day that we will want it.

Yours very truly,

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MONTREAL, February, 7th. 1920 191

Howland Wood Esq.,
Curator of the American Numismatic Society
New York City.

Dear Sir,

Enclosed, I am sending you, three medals relating to the late war. If they answer your purpose, the price will be fifty cents each.

Of the Victory Loans' Medals, there are six varieties in all, with the following reverse, first and second prize, each Lower, Middle and Upper School.

If you want the other five, I will try and get them and send them on to you.

Yours truly,

R. W. Lachelan

February 13, 1920

R. W. McLachlan, Esq.
310 Lansdowne Avenue
Westmount
Montreal, Canada

My dear Mr. McLachlan:

Your letter just at hand, and I am keeping two of the medals, and returning the enameled one, as that does not interest us. I am also enclosing a dollar for the two I am keeping.

I am very glad to get these, but I do not think I care for the other varieties of the Victory Loan medals.

Trusting you are well, I remain,

Very truly,

Curator.

(Enclosure)

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MONTREAL, 25th, February, 1920

Howland Wood Esq.,
Curator of the American Numismatic Society,
New York City.

Dear Sir,

I am enclosing you herewith five medals, relating to the late war, which may be interesting to you.

1 -Is a copper impression of the Dominion of Canada Peace Medal. Price 40cts.

2 -A Valcartier Medal commemorating the camp near Quebec, where the soldiers were trained before starting for the war. Price 40cts.

3 -A Boy's Scout Medal. Price 35cts.

4 -Returned Soldiers and Sailors' Medal. Price 10cts, in miniature.

5 -Military General Service Medal. Price $1.75cts.

If you do not want these, kindly return.

Yours truly,

March 8th, 1921

F. W. McLachlan, Esq.
310 Lansdowne Avenue
Westmount, Montreal, Can.

Dear Mr. McLachlan:

Can you tell me anything about the medallet of which I am enclosing a rubbing? It is in nickle or German silver, and I should judge was Canadian by the wreath on the back.

Very truly yours,

Curator

M./E.

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Deputy Prothonotary
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MONTREAL, March, 23rd., 1921

Howland Wood, Esq.,

New York City,

Dear Sir,

Yours came to hand, a day ot two ago, and I delayed answering it, until such time as I could find a piece similar in my collection; bur I have not been able to come across it yet. I believe the piece was intended to represent a 25cts piece in a slot machine and undoubtedly used in Canada.

There are numbers of others, I remember, of the nickle 5cts. size made for use in Canada; but this is the only variety I have seen for 25cts.

Yours truly,

R. W. McLachlin.

March 25th, 1921

R. W. McLachlan, Esq.
Archives of the Dis. of Montreal
Court House, Montreal, Canada

Dear Mr. McLachlan:

Many thanks for your letter concerning the [illegible] of which I sent you a rubbing. I was more anxious to know whose head you thought it was. Do you think you could hazard a guess as to this?

Trusting you are well, I am

Very truly yours,

Curator

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R. W. McLachlan
Deputy Prothonotary
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MONTREAL, April, 7th, 1921 192

Howland Wood, Esq.,

New York City,

Dear Sir,

I had been trying, for sometime, to locate that slot machine coin, in my collection and I have not succeeded yet. and I mislaid the rubbing you sentme; but if my memory is good, the bust on the coin has a que and appears like some having been attributed to Lafayette. In any case, it is not the head of George V. But as there wasno intention for making a copy of a Canadian Shots. piece, any old dye, the right size having a head was employed.

Will you therefore hunt up among your medals having the head of Lafayette, or a similar head, and find out the coin for which it was originally made.

Yours truly,

April 23rd, 1921

R. W. McLachlan, Esq.
Archives of the District of Montreal
Court House, Montreal, Canada

Dear Mr. McLachlan:

Your favour of April 7th reached me only the other day as the envelope was misdirected.

I do not see any similarity between the head on the token I sent you and Lafayette. Unfortunately, I returned the medal to its owner and I only carry the likeness in my mind. Do not spend any more time over this as it is really not worth while. My curiosity was aroused chiefly on account of the peculiarity of the legend 'No Good' on the reverse. Possibly the 'No Good' refers to the piece being no good for currency.

I suppose you will be at the Convention at Boston in August. I certainly will be glad to see you again.

Many thanks for the trouble you have taken.

Most truly yours,

Curator

310 Lansdowne Ave
Westmount, Montreal
Canada July 29/21

Dear Howland Wood. I have just come across the slot machine token of which you asked about some time ago. I believe the figure thereon represented, is that of Washington and it has thirteen stars around the head.

I have another piece with a similar design imitating the reverse of a Canadian twenty-five cent piece. The inscription is O. O./ cents/ 1869. all within a wreath. a crown at the top. Reverse:- Plain. Both of these are struck from dies.

Yours truly
R. W. Lyman

August 2nd, 1921

R. W. McLachlan, Esq.
310 Lansdowne Avenue
Westmount, Montreal, Can.

Dear Mr. McLachlan:

Many thanks for your favour of July 29th concerning the token of which I sent you a rubbing a while ago. I will send on the information to my friend who owns the piece.

Shall we see you at the Convention at Boston this month?

Trusting you are well, I am

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW/S

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Grant, Mrs. J. Fred